



What is the Global Studies Institute?

An interdisciplinary approach to the study of international and regional relations is privileged at the GSI to better investigate and understand the new complex challenges of the contemporary world as a whole.

The process of globalization is provoking two major shifts at the international level. On the one hand, there is a softening of the boundaries between what is considered international and national. On the other hand, there is an emergence of new tools of governance for the global level, as well as for countries, cities and regions. We can simply look at the examples of global health, international trade or terrorism to see that new challenges require novel articulations of knowledge.

Interdisciplinary Training Based on the Diversity of Partner Faculties

GSI students benefit from instruction offered by nearly 150 teaching and research collaborators and some 90 professors from the various faculties of the University of Geneva (Law, Social Sciences, Economics and Management, Letters, Medicine and Science).

Most of the students are enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts in International Relations (BARI) where they have the choice between five different areas of focus: Global, Law, International Economics, International History and International Politics. This enables them to follow courses in these different fields when they participate in a Mobility exchange program. Since the start of the academic year in September 2025, we will also be offering a Bachelor of Science in Computational Sciences and international Relations (BASCRI) in which students will explore the complex relationships between international relations and computational sciences.

Postgraduate students could follow four different Master programs specialized in regional studies. These include Europe, Russia and Central Europe, Caucasus & Central Asia, the Middle East and Africa.

It is also possible to earn an interdisciplinary Master's degree in Global Health and another one in Global Studies.

In addition, the GSI offers two Master programs of continuing education and an interdisciplinary PhD in Global Studies.

Dissemination of Knowledge to the General Public

The GSI attaches particular importance to "engagement with the city" as it believes deeply in sharing academic knowledge with the public. Thus, to fulfill this mission, the GSI organizes numerous conferences open to a wide audience. These symposiums promote interdisciplinary approaches and interchange between academics and practitioners, while collaborators from the GSI contribute with their work to enhance intellectual reflection and dialogue with the citizenry.

At the heart of the International City of Geneva

The location of the GSI in Geneva is a unique and extraordinary asset. Indeed, the presence of nearly 100 international organizations, several hundred non-governmental organizations and multinational companies offers a plethora of opportunities to observe the world from a privileged position.

Exchange programs at the Global Studies Institute

Being a French speaking university, most programs of the University of Geneva are taught in French. Yet, English is definitely a necessary language for all students studying international relations, regional studies, Global Health and Global Studies. Therefore, the GSI has developed a range of courses in English.

Bachelor Courses in English (2025-2026)

- Introduction to Microeconomics
- Microeconomics I
- Microeconomics II
- Statistics
- Probability
- Introduction to Econometrics
- Econometrics
- International Macroeconomics
- International Trade
- Environmental Economics
- Economic Analysis in International Organization
- Computational social sciences
- Early modern economic and social history
- Politics of International Economic Relations
- Politics of Contemporary Africa
- The EU and the return of geopolitics
- The art and science of international negotiations
- International Economic History
- International Institutional Law
- International Environmental Law
- Law and Practice of European Union Foreign Policy
- Environmental Diplomacy
- International Geneva
- Model United Nations Seminar
- Business Analytics
- Data Mining
- Data visualization
- Modeling and simulation of natural and social phenomena



Master Courses in English (2025-2026)

- Epistemology of Area Studies
- Global Governance: The Art of Negotiation
- Systems thinking for Global Challenges
- Workshop on applied interdisciplinary methods
- Studying Crises in European Integration: Theory and Methods
- Political Economy of the European Union
- Geopolitical Europe
- Comparative Regional Integration
- History of Global Capitalism
- Nature, Labour and Capital in Globalization
- Global Migration Governance
- Global Europe
- Theories and issues in Global Justice
- The Statistical Analysis of Time Series
- Regional Disparities and Urban Economics
- Labor Economics
- Population and development: data sources and analysis methods
- Well-being and sustainability: new topics for demography
- Workshop: Urban futures
- Public policies for spatial justice

+ 2 master programs entirely taught in English:

- Master of Arts in Global Studies
(<https://www.unige.ch/gsi/fr/formations/masters/master-of-science-in-global-studies/>)
- Master of Science in Global Health
(<https://www.unige.ch/gsi/fr/formations/masters/master-in-global-health/>)

Full course details can be found on
<https://pgc.unige.ch/main/home?year=2025&fac=default-value>

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